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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	. }		
Amit Nayar et al.)	Examiner:	Jill Alice Warden
Serial No. 09/900,843	<u> </u>	Art Unit:	1743 .
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Heat Activated Membrane Introduction Apparatus and Method for Screening Materials) }		

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir

Applicants, through their attorney, respectfully request a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated June 23, 2004; this extension will allow applicants up to and including October 23, 2004 within which to respond.

A fee transmittal form, as well as authorization for credit card payment of the extension of time fee, are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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